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To both HOUSES of

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His MAJESTY's *moſt Gracious* SPEECH *to both Houſes of Parliament, on* Monday *the Fifteenth Day of* May, 1727.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Acquainted you at the opening of this Seſſion with the Dangers which threatened this Kingdom, and the Peace and Liberties of *Europe*. I am now to return you My Thanks for the Zeal and Diſpatch with which you have proceeded upon the ſeveral Points I then recommended to your Care, for the Confidence you have repoſed in Me, and for the Aſſurances you have given Me of your Support and Aſſiſtance in Vindication of My Honour, and in the Maintenance and Defence of the undoubted Rights and Privileges of this Nation, ſo openly and notoriouſly invaded and attacked.

The Siege of *Gibraltar* proves beyond all diſpute the End and Deſign of the Engagements entered into by the Emperor and the King of *Spain*; but the Preparations I had made for the Defence of that Place, and the Bravery of My Troops, will, I doubt not, convince them of the Raſhneſs and Folly of that Undertaking. However the Love of Peace has hitherto prevailed upon Me, even under this high Provocation, to ſuſpend in ſome meaſure My Reſentments; and inſtead of having immediate Recourſe to Arms, and demanding of My Allies that Aſſiſtance which they are engaged and ready to give Me, I have concurred with the moſt Chriſtian King and the States General in making ſuch Overtures of Accommodation, as muſt convince all the World of the Uprightneſs of Our Intentions, and of Our ſincere Diſpoſition to Peace, and demonſtrate to whoſe Ambition and Thirſt of Power the Calamities of a War are to be imputed, if theſe juſt and reaſonable Propoſitions are rejected. In the mean time I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that the Crown of *Sweden* has acceded to the Treaty of *Hanover*, and

that the Convention between Me, his moſt Chriſtian Majeſty, and the King of *Denmark*, is actually ſigned.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The Vigour and Chearfulneſs you have ſhewn in raiſing ſo effectually, and upon ſuch eaſy Terms, the neceſſary Supplies for the Service of the current Year, are not only Inſtances of your Zeal and Affection to Me, but demonſtrate the Eſtabliſhed Credit, Power, and Strength of this Kingdom.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

It would have been a great Satisfaction to Me, if before your Separation I had been able to ſpeak to you more poſitively, and with greater Certainty, upon the preſent Poſture and State of Affairs; but as you have now diſpatched the publick Buſineſs, and as the Seaſon of the Year requires your going into your reſpective Countries, I chooſe rather to put an End to this Seſſion, than to keep you any longer together unneceſſarily. The Proviſions you have made, and the perfect Union and Harmony between Me and My Allies, will, I hope, enable Me, by the Divine Aſſiſtance, either to withſtand and defeat the Deſigns of Our Enemies, if their Conduct ſhall bring upon Us the Neceſſity of a War; or to improve the Bleſſings of Peace, if Peace can with Juſtice, Honour, and Security be obtained.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſty's Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT *is His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Twenty ſeventh Day of* June *next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Twenty ſeventh Day of* June *next.*

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